

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/882,216

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/16/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10 and 11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with March 30, 2007 on John A. Artz.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 10, line 1, the language "A mirror head assembly" having been changed to read -
--A vehicular mirror head assembly for a vehicle--.

In claim 11, line 1, the language "A method of manufacturing a mirror head assembly" having been changed to read ---A method of manufacturing a vehicular mirror head assembly for a vehicle--.

In claims 10 and 11, line 2, the language "housing member" having been changed to read ---housing member adapted for said vehicle--.

In claims 10 and 11, line 11, "from the edges thereof" has been changed to read "in the plane of the reflective surface from an edge thereof--.

On page 6, line 9 of the specification, numeral "20" has been changed to read --22--.

3. The drawings filed on March 16, 2007 are accepted by the examiner.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a vehicular mirror head assembly for a vehicle comprising a housing member, said housing member being made of a plastic material and having a substantially solid rear portion and an open front portion, said open front

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portion having a perimetral wall defining an opening; said housing member having a ledge member formed around said perimetral wall of said open front portion, said ledge member having a plurality of slotted apertures positioned around the perimeter of said open front portion; a lens member positioned in said opening, said lens member being made of a plastic material and having a size and shape substantially the same as said open front portion of said housing member, said lens member having a reflective surface thereon and having a plurality of tab members extending outwardly in the plane of the reflective surface from an edge thereof, said tab members positioned in and mated with said slotted apertures; and a gasket member, said gasket member made from an elastomeric material and positioned on said ledge member, as recited in claims 10 and 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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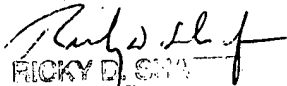
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